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PROCLAMATION-Gov. Julian Carroll signs a document proclaiming February as "Spirit of '76 Month," as Mai. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, left. and Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, Army Guard recruiting and retention manager, look on. Governor Carroll issued the proclamation to show his support for the Kentucky National Guard and to ask community leaders to assist in the current recruiting effort, (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky, Dept, of Public Information)

## Spirit of `76 hits 500

"Operation Spirit of '76" was largely responsible for more than 500 new enlistments in the Kentucky Army National Guard during the first six weeks of the year, according to Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, recruiting and retention manager. The Air Guard gained 21 new members during the same period.

Those enlistments brought Air Guard strength to 98 per cent and the Army Guard to 95 per cent. The Army Guard was 510 people short of 100 percent Jan. 1, but that number has been reduced to 275.

"January was the best month we've had in a long time," Colonel Alfaro said. "We enlisted 341 people, including 171 high school seniors."

Gov. Julian Carroll gave his support to the Guard and the current project by proclaiming February as "Spirit of '76 Month" in Kentucky. In the proclamation he said that "Guardsmen have shown deep commitment to their communities, states, and nation for more than two hundred years, protecting lives and property in times of local emergency and national (see "Spirit" on page 4)

The officers selected for consideration

to the officers attending during the first business session March 6. All activities are set for Louisville's Executive Inn West March 5-7 are: President: Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, State Headquarters, and Lt. Col. Robert

Conference set; nominees picked Plans for the 45th annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentuccommittee has announced its selections. The nominations will be made formally

Dezarn, 201st Engineer Battalion; Vice-President, Army: Capt. Ray Canady, 149th Infantry Bn., and Capt. Charles Clark, 198th Military Police Bn.; and Vice-President. Air: Mai. William Hays, 123d Combat. Support Group, and Maj. Joseph Kottak, Nominations from the floor will also

be accepted, and the election will be conducted by secret ballot as required by the ballots will be available at the election committee's desk throughout the business Maj. Lou Sabel, who has headed the

conference committees, has announced that the cost of the weekend event will be prorated by military pay grades. The action was taken to encourage junior officers to attend. Conference registration will open at

noon March 5, and the President's Reception will begin at 7 p.m. Business sessions will begin at 9 a.m.

and 1 p.m. March 6. Principal addresses will be made by Will Hill Tankersley, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs: Carl Clewlow, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy; and Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General. Representatives of the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association of the U.S. will also address the group. Activities for the officers' wives are

also set for Saturday, beginning with an 11:30 a.m. luncheon, Mrs. Purcell Lee, noted Kentucky folklore scholar and humorist, will display part of her collec-

(see "Conference" on page 3)

## Guard, DES join forces in 'Helping Hand'

Members of the state headquarters staffs of the Kentucky Army Guard and Kentucky Air Guard worked with representatives of the state Division of Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) recently to conduct a two-day natural disaster response exercise.

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The exercise, called "Helping Hand II," was primarily limited to the Emergency Operations Center in Frankfort, though the Air Guard flew actual reconnaissance missions as required.

The first portion of the exercise sim-

ulated a series of tornadoes striking Bowling Green. To make the exercise as realistic as possible, DES officials provided detailed problems and sought Guard manpower and resources to meet the needs.

Some of the problems seemed incredible, including a hypothetical student demonstration at Western Kentucky University following the tornadoes, but DES Deputy Director Robert I. McFerren explained that all of the situations had been encountered in other states during natural dissesters.

The second day's activity centered on flooding in southeastern Kentucky and presented an entirely different set of problems.

Brig. Gen. Lawrence Quebbeman, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, headed the Air Guard contingent and had photos taken of the affected areas just as they would be taken after an extual disaster. The photos were available for review in Frankfort less than four hours after the aircraft was launched.

Brig. Gen. William Hall, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, said in the final review that the exercise had been very informative and had served as an excellent training event.

Col. Billy G. Wellman, the Army Guard's command administrative assistant, noted that a primary benefit of the exercise was derived from the mutual cooperation between the Army and Air Guard staffs.

"I don't think any of us fully realized all of the assets we have," Colonel Wellman said. "But this exercise brought up many problems that we now know we can readily solve."

McFerren congratulated the Guard for its response and said that the exercise served as an excellent preduce to a scheduled exercise that will involve the Guard and many other agencies of state government.



OPERATIONS—Col. Thomas Murphy, right, chief of the Army Guard's Operations, Plans, and Training division, looks on at the activity during "Helping Hand II." The two-day exercise brought the Army Guard, Air Guard and Disaster and Emergency Services workers into a joint disaster relief project. (Photo by Tom Little)

## MP units help motorists

Members of Louisville's 198th Military Police Battalion have made nearly 100 stops to aid motorists and police on Louisville and Jefferson County interstate highways since the inauguration of their "courtery patrol" Jan. 24.

Two marked military police vehicles have been patroling the highways from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekend to assist motorists and help improve the visibility of the Kentucky National Guard, Each

## Medal of Honor committee seeks funds for memorial

Representatives of the Kentucky Medal of Rhonor Grove Committee met recently with members of the National Guard Association of Kentucky's executive council to advise them of efforts to establish a memorial to Kentuckians who have earned the nation's highest military honor.

Donald L. Shaw, state general chairman of the project, said that 46 Kentuckians have earned the medal, and that many people are working to insure that Kentuckians are fully represented in the Medal of Honor Grove being established at Valley Forge, Pa. Twenty-five states have already

dedicated their portions.

Shaw explained that the committee has already collected \$7,500 of the \$10,000 needed to complete the project.

Donations may be made to: Kentucky Medal of Honor Grove, P.O. Box 247, Fort Knox, KY 40121. Donations are taxdeductible and contributors sending \$25 or more will receive a certificate suitable for framing. vehicle is manned by an MP and a mechanic and is equipped with safety and emergency supplies. SFC James Kersey, who has worked extensively on the project, explained that there is no charge for the service.

Capt. Al Harral, the battalion's operations officer, said that the teams have coountered a wide range of situations, from lack of fuel to stolen vehicles.

A Louisville newspaper was on hand on one of the first stops, when the crew examined an abandoned truck. The paper ran a photo of the activity and a reader recognized the truck as one which had been stolen from him. After contacting police, he was able to recover the vehicle,

On another occasion, Captain Harral reported, they were able to repair the electrical system on a bus and enable the traveling choir to meet its engagement.

The teams have even gotten away from the road in some instances. One weekend, for example, saw the men extinguish a field fire along the highway. Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, battalion com-

Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, battalion commander, said that the project has been very successful and that it will continue at least until annual training.

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aammand ' Units going to Camp Shelby include: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery XXIII CA: HHR 138th Field Artillery Group: 2nd Battalion 128th FA: Headquerters and Headquerters Company 103d Supply and Service Bn.: 203d General

### NFWS...in hrief

Aviation Day The Kentucky Air National Guard in

conjunction with officials at Standiford Field in Louisville, has planned "Aviation Day" June 5 Current plans include shows by the Thunderbirds the Air Force's serial demonstration team and the Golden Knights the Armyr's precision persebuting unit Air Guard facilities will be open to the public for the event. The GUARDS-MAN will announce details as they are made available.

#### Army Sweater

The Army Uniform Board has approved a green sweater as an optional purchase item. The sweater, shade 44 Army Green, is available in post exchanges for about \$10.

#### Award Winner

SSet. Bobby R. Duvall, of the 307th Maintenance Company, was the distinguished graduate in his Field Communications Electronics Equipment Repair Course at Fort Sill, Okla, recently, He completed the course work with a 99.16 per cent mark

#### OCS Applications

The Kentucky Military Academy is now accepting applications for the 1976-77 school year. Class XIX will begin May 15 and annual training is set for June 10-26 at Fort McClellan, Ala. More information about the program can be obtained from Capt. Clyde Wiseman or SFC Curt Hurle, 502-564-7878. Applications must be at the Academy by May 1.

#### Number Switch

The 118th Light Equipment Maintenance Company in Burlington will become the 130th March 1. The former designation was already in existence in the California National Guard.

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The two medical units will i Most armor units and some other organizations will train at Fort Knoy from May 99 to June 5. The units set to participate include: HHC 149th Armored Brigade: 1st Bn 149th Mechanized Infantry: 2nd Rn. 123d Armor: 201st Engineer Rn 207th Engr Co - and 2123d Transportation

Part of the 2123d Trans Co. will provide transportation for a bigostoppial correspon tour of the state. The carayan is jointly sponsored by the Guard and the Tennessee Valley Authority

Fort Leonard Wood Mo will be the training site for the 413th Maintenance Co. June 4 - 20 and part of the 2113th Trans Co. will train at Gulfnort. Mice. while the remainder will train in Evenkfort The 1st Bn., 123d Armor and 1st Re

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ing annual training at all major sites The Kentucky Military Academy will more its annual training site to Fort MaClallan Ala this some to undergo joint

terining with the Alabama Military Agademy June 10 - 26. The Kentucky NCO Academy will also train at the Alabama

Warrant officers from the newly-formed 470th Med Det will receive medical training at Fort Sam Houston. Tex., while enlisted crew chiefs and medical aidesmen will work with an air ambulance platnon at Fort Campbell

"I think we have a good program set this year " Colonel Lov said "We have our neonle going where they can get come realirtic training and make provided them with the support they'll need "

## Aviator aids lost pilot

CW3 Bill Tomlinson, an aviator with the 470th Medical Detachment (Heliconter Ambulance), was instrumental in quiding a pilot to safety Jan. 28 near Frankfort.

Mr. Tomlinson was returning from a mission in late afternoon when an unidentified woman pilot on a flight from Charleston, W. Va. to Seymour, Ind. reported to Bluerress Field in Levinston that she was lost and low on fuel He releved radio transmissions for her and volunteered to help her land in Frank-

"She was about 18 miles from Frankfort when she reported trouble." Mr. Tomlinson said, "I turned on my landing lights after we had determined her approximate position and we flew toward one another. When she picked up my lights. I turned and escorted her to the Frankfort airport."

About a mile from the landing strip.

### Conference

(continued from page 1) tion of antiques and share her stories of Kentucky's past. A style show will be presented by "The Sporting Thing," a St. Matthews shop.

Following those events, transportation will be available to Baker's Square, other shopping areas, and to the "flea market"

at the Exposition Center. A banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. March 6, and "The Wilderness Road New Breed," a part of the 202d Army Band, will provide music for dancing after the meal.

the woman ran out of fuel and had to land without power. She did so successfully

"Under the circumstances." Mr. Tornlinson reported "she did an excellent ich. The winds were decentively strong and that can cause problems for any pilot."

The woman is an employee of Ever Air



BEAN SOUP-SSet. Gary W. Stormes dips up bean soup for one of the more than 2,000 people who attended the Air Guard's sixth annual bean soup fest recently. The event raised \$2,600 for the

Youth Activities Council

# Two communities dedicate armories

New armories were dedicated in Cynthiana and Central City in January and both occasions brought excellent com-

A bicentennial ball and a special edition of the "Cynthiana Democrat" highlighted the Jan. 17 dedication of the new Harrison County home of Detachment 1, Company D, 201st Engineer Battalion. The \$600,000 armory houses \$2 members.

More than 300 people turned out to help dedicate the Central City home of the 307th Maintenance Company. A wellattended dance followed the Jan. 24 activities.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, delivered the principal address on both occasions, filling in for Gov. Julian Carroll who had to cancel because of minor surgery.

The general noted that both units had been organized May 1, 1974 and had quickly gone over the 100 per cent strength mark.

#### 201st sets games

The 201st Engineer Battalion has scheduled the third annual "Greater Ashland Area Volleyball and Table Tents Tournament" for March 31—April 3 at the Ashland Armory, Last year's event raised more than \$2,300 for the Youth Activity

Competition is set for boys and girls in both junior and senior high divisions and two classes are planned for the adult matches. Team and individual trophies

will be awarded.

MSgt. Bill Bryan will accept volleyball entries until March 1. He can be reached at (606) 325-8411.

SP6 James D. McClelland, Jr. will take table tennis applications until March 15. His number is (606) 325-2050.

For more information about the tournament, contact Command Sergeant Major Edwin F. Conley, Jr., the tournament chairman, at (606) 325-2050.



Thelma Taylor, chairwoman of the Harrison County Bicentennial Committee. She was instrumental in publicizing the dedication of the Cynthiana Armory and in arranging for bicentennial events included in the day's activities. (Photo by SP4 Tom Murphy)

### Garrett offers legislation

Several bills that, if enacted, will benefit members of the Kentucky National Guard, had been introduced in the Kentucky Senate at press time.

The principal piece of legislation was introduced by Senator Tom Garrett of Paducah. Numbered Senato Bill 141, the legislation would create an "educational encouragement fund" to be applied as 50 per cent tuition at any state-supported university, college, community college.

or vocational education school.

The funds could be used by full-time or part-time students. To be eligible, Guardsmen would have to be in good

or part-time students. To be engine, Guardsmen would have to be in good standing with their units throughout the semester during which the funds would be applied.

The bill would carry an initial \$25,000 appropriation.

The second proposal would give current Guardsmen with at least three years of service in the Kentucky National Guard as

five-point benefit on state merit system examinations. People who have been discharged after at least six years of honoraable service in the Kentucky Guard would also receive the benefit.

## Spirit

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freedoms in times of national emergency."

He also encouraged community leaders to support their local units.

"Twe been very pleased with the response we've had everywhere," Colonel Alfaro said. "Nearly every newspaper in the state has used material on the project and many radio and television stations have devoted a lot of air time to us. The Guardsmen who have gone to their local media to

discuss the Guard have done an out-

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standing job."



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